



Police 'contact point' opens in Waitrose

By Janet Maitland

A pop-up police 'contact point' has opened at a branch of Waitrose in the Spires Shopping Centre in Barnet.

Contact points were introduced by the Met Police in 2013 as part of a new policing strategy for the capital. They are normally run out of Safer Neighbourhood Team offices, but police are testing whether locating them in places that the public is already using, such as a supermarket, will increase their ease of use.

Contact points provide a range of traditional counter services such as crime reporting and crime prevention advice and are staffed by police officers and Police Community Safety Officers (PCSOs).

The Waitrose contact point will be open six hours a week: Monday 3-5pm, Tuesday 10am-12pm and Friday 5-7pm.

Apart from the Waitrose

pop-up, there are just four other contact points in the borough. One of them is our local Safer Neighbourhood Team office at 113 High Road, N2, which is now open on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm to 8pm and Saturdays from 2pm to 3pm. You can also call them on 020 7161 9014 or email them at EastFinchley.snt@met.police.uk

There are only two operational police stations left: Colindale, which is open 24 hours a day, and Barnet, which is open from 12-8pm Monday to Friday.

If you need immediate assistance from the police because a crime is taking place, dial 999. If it is not an emergency and you need to report a crime that has already happened, ring 101.

Where does your water go?

Waste water from sinks, washing machines and other appliances should go into the sewer but sometimes plumbers and householders make mistakes and connect pipes to the wrong drains.

The stream in Coldfall Wood has been polluted for many years largely because of plumbing carelessness. Thames Water has been carrying out drainage surveys in the catchment area of the stream and has found 27 properties with misconnections. These included 11 kitchen sinks, 10 dishwashers, seven washing machines and four handbasins.

For now, the problems have been sorted and the stream is receiving only rainwater and (another problem) road run-off water. Dogs and wildlife should be much safer.

To find out about the nationwide campaign to protect watercourses from rogue plumbing, and to check for misconnections on your property, visit www.connectright.org.uk



Big voices: Caspar James and Colleen Nicoll of Opera Dinamica will be at St Judes

Many nights of the Proms

Tickets are now on sale for this summer's Proms at St Jude's Festival in Hampstead Garden Suburb which runs from Saturday 20 June to Sunday 28 June.

A special treat this year is Maureen Lipman narrating *Wonderland*, the London premiere of a musical tribute to Alice in Wonderland creator Lewis Carroll on the book's 150th anniversary.

For jazz fans there's Clare Teal and her Mini Big Band, and the London International Orchestra brings the festival to a close with a stirring *Last Night of the Proms*.

The Nevill Holt Opera returns on the opening night with a concert performance of Bizet's *Carmen*. Violin virtuoso Charlie Siem is back with a programme including Beethoven's *Kreutzer Sonata*, the Brodsky String Quartet with Gemma Rosefield perform Schubert's *Quintet in C major* and The Cardinal's Musick sings works by Palestrina, Allegri and Tavener.

Talks and walks

The line-up for the Literary Festival, which runs on the weekend of June 20 and 21, includes Vladimir Putin's "No1 enemy" Bill Browder, former Labour Minister Alan Johnson, Boris Johnson's father Stanley, BBC maths wizard Alex Bellos, Hampstead Garden Suburb resident and thriller writer Michael Ridpath and political journalist Yasmin Alibhai-Brown.

Daily guided heritage walks will include a look at the Suburb's artisan quarter to examine its



Wonder-ful: Maureen Lipman will perform in the Proms at St Judes season

history during the blitz and a tour of Golders Hill Park and Hampstead Heath Extension will show how Suburb founder Dame Henrietta Barnett helped save them from developers.

To book tickets online, visit www.promsatstjudes.org.uk. General enquiries can be made by phone on 020 3322 8123.

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